

DECISION NOTICE OF AN INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF GWYNEDD COUNCIL CABINET

DATE OF DECISION 14 May 2018

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DATE DECISION WILL COME INTO FORCE and implemented,
unless the decision is called in, in accordance with section 7.25 of the Gwynedd Council Constitution 24 May 2018

Cabinet Member: Councillor Gareth Thomas – Cabinet Member for Education

SUBJECT

Adjust pattern of Post-16 Transport Fees

DECISION

Change the distribution of fees for the 16+ Travel Ticket to £120 for the Autumn, £120 for the Spring term and £60 for the summer term instead of the current pattern of £100 per term. The change to become operational for 16+ Travel Tickets from 1 September 2018 onwards.

REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED

Please see attached report

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND ANY RELEVANT DISPENSATIONS APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL'S STANDARDS COMMITTEE

None

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

Consultation with Gwynedd Council Statutory Officers, The results of the consultations are reported upon in the attached report

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CABINET – OFFICER REPORT**

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Cabinet Member for Education

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Date of Decision : 14/5/18

Signature of Cabinet Member/s :



Subject :

Adjust pattern of Post-16 Transport fees

Recommendation for the Decision :

Change the distribution of fees for the 16+ Travel Ticket to £120 for the autumn term, £120 for the Spring term, and £60 for the summer term instead of the current pattern of £100 per term. The change to become operational for 16+ Travel Tickets from 1 September, 2018, onwards.

Reason why Decision is needed :

There is a deficit in reaching the income target set for Post-16 Transport.

It is seen that the greatest sale of tickets occurs in the autumn term, with fewer sales in the spring term, and fewer still sales in the summer term.

The cost of transport does not change from one term to the next, but significantly fewer 16+ Travel Tickets are sold in the summer term.

The proposed new distribution of fees reflects the need to subsidise the costs of the summer term by raising more income during the first two terms (but without raising the cost of using the 16+ Travel Ticket for a whole academic year).

Reason and justification behind the Decision :

The current price of the 16+ Travel Ticket is £100 per term for everyone (since September 2016).

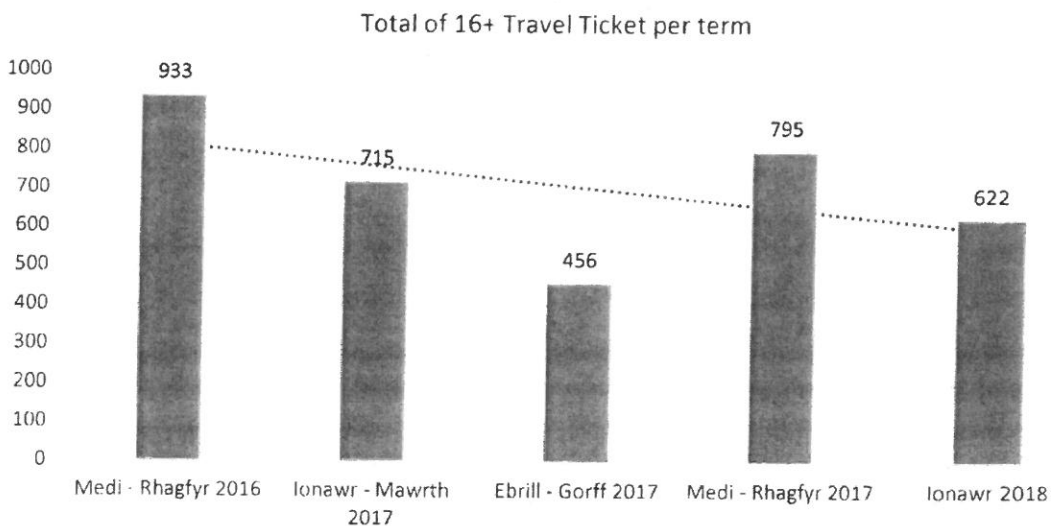
There is a deficit in reaching the income target set for Post-16 Transport.

The deficit for 2017-18 was £60,000.

The income target for 2018-19 is £254,500 (which includes an increase of 1.5% on the fees for 2017-18).

Since moving to a fee of £100 per term for everyone in September 2016, the pattern of sales for the 16+ Travel Ticket have been as follows:

Term	Total
Sept - Dec 2016	933
Jan - Mar 2017	715
Apr - Jul 2017	456
Sept - Dec 2017	795
Jan 2018	622



It is seen that the greatest sale of tickets occurs in the autumn term, with fewer sales in the spring term, and fewer still sales in the summer term.

Had the distribution of fees for the 16+ Travel Ticket been £120 for the autumn term, £120 for the spring term, and £60 for the summer term rather than £100 per

term during the 2016-17 academic year, this would have raised £15,000 more income.

By using the historical pattern of sales to project sales for the 2017-18 academic year, and by using the distribution of fees of £120 for the autumn term, £120 for the spring term, and £60 for the summer term, it is estimated that this would have raised £13,000 more income.

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The proposed new distribution of fees reflects the need to subsidise the costs of the summer term by raising more income during the first two terms (but without raising the cost of using the 16+ Travel Ticket for a whole academic year).

In considering the cost of the 16+ Travel Ticket for a whole academic year the cost remains as £300 for three terms.

Declarations of personal interest by any Cabinet Member consulted with and any relevant dispensations approved by the Standards Committee

None.

Any consultations undertaken prior to making the decision :

Head of Finance –

“I fully support the recommendation for the decision. The revised pricing strategy reflects the use of post-16 transport.”

Monitoring Officer –

“No comments to add regarding propriety.”

Local Member/s –

Not a local issue.